

BLACK's explanation to SAs WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR. and ROBERT W. HOLMES,  
July 11, 1950:

BLACK was unable to read the writing on this slip of paper and the  
notation has no meaning to him.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA ALBERT L. PIERCE

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 6/20/50

ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM SEARCH OF BLACK'S RESIDENCE  
BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN, JUNE 15, 1950

Item #25 in BLACK's search memo of SA GALLIVAN, 6/16/50.

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Ber., 60, 962-70 (1927)

L. & Livingston

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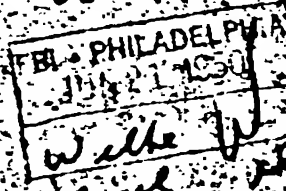
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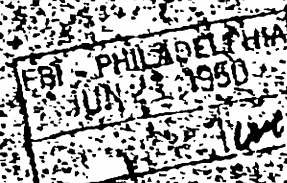
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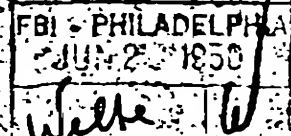
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No leads are being set out on the above data at this time.

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These are coupons purchased by BLACK from the United States Patent  
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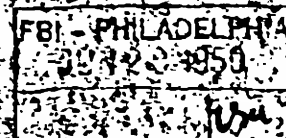
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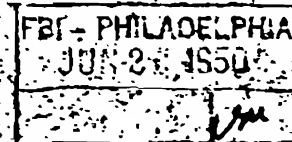
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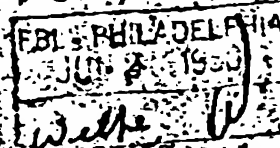
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June 21, 1950

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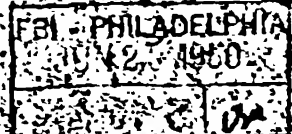
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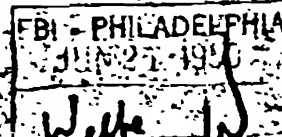
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Lead

No lead being set out at the present time for the above data.

DWB:as  
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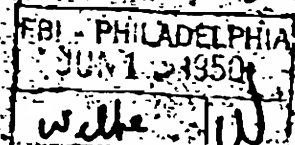
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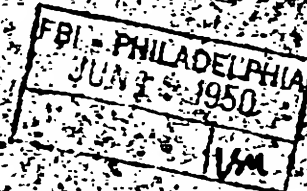
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Page 13 of the Evening Bulletin, Saturday, May 13, 1950, (sport page).

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Lead:

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*his book*

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FBI - PHILADELPHIA
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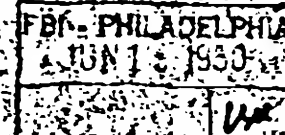
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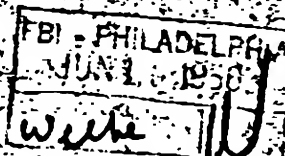
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Will exhibit these "stones" to BLACK to determine if they are his gallstones or some other substance bearing on this case.

*be may wish to show them to a doctor first.  
when did he have the operation?*

ALP:MM

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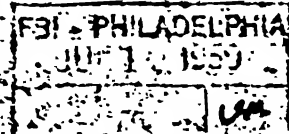
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ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM SEARCH OF BLACK'S RESIDENCE BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN, 6/15/50.

Item #98 in BLACK's search memo by SA GALLIVAN, 6/16/50.

## Description of Material:

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- ✓ 10. 4" x 7" card with chemical drawing.
- ✓ 11. 4" x 7" card with notations as to film packs of different sizes, etc.

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23. Piece of paper containing "solvent - points of library notes."
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29. 38 mimeographed pages of Bulletin of Chemistry and Industry, published by Library Department, National Oil Products Company, Harrison, N.J.

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FROM : SA DAVID W. BREEN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK  
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DATE: June 21, 1950

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Item #98 in BLACK's search memo by SA GALLIVAN, 6/16/50.

Description of Material:

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Name card, THOMAS HOOKER TRIMBLE, Hooker Electro Chemical Company, Niagara Falls, N.Y. containing the pencilled notation Cymwyd 4718.

Lead:

BLACK should be interviewed regarding the identity of TRIMBLE, any connection he might have had with him and also the identity of the person to whom Cymwyd 4718 is listed. Consideration should thereafter be given to having these individuals interviewed regarding BLACK and his activities.

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Sub Phone - THOMAS HOOKER TRIMBLE  
911 BOWMAN AVE  
WYNNWOOD, PA  
ARMORE-2273M  
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ELACK's explanation to SAs WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR. and ROBERT W. HOLMES,  
July 12, 1950:

TRIMBLE is a salesman for the Hooker Electro Chemical Co., who calls  
at the Berg Laboratories.

Penciled notation is his home phone number.

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Lead:

The Office of Selective Service of the State of New Jersey should be checked and BLACK's Selective Service file should be reviewed for any information of value regarding his background.

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July 12, 1950:

BLACK's selective service registration card.

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J. F. POSTELL  
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Hanovia Chemical and Manufacturing Company  
Newark, New Jersey

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The 1949 Suburban Telephone Directory contains no listing to any person named POSTELL.

The files of this office contain no information on this company or these persons.

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The name of a salesman whom BLACK consulted regarding ultra violet lights which BLACK intended to use in the chlorination of benzene. In this process ultra violet light is a catalyst. This was in connection with work for Fine Organics.

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Description of Material:

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Lead:

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June 22, 1950

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THOMAS L. BLACK  
ESPIONAGE - R

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WA 4-6172  
Dickman Labs  
Erie 1452W  
Weingrad, RA 5-6198

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Dickman Laboratories  
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Radcliff 5-3751  
Radcliff 5-6198  
If no answer call Waverly 4-8786

ALBERT DICKMAN  
6608 North 11th Street  
Waverly 4-8786

ALBERT DICKMAN, Business  
1415 West Erie Avenue  
Radcliff 5-6198

The telephone directory contains nine listings to persons named WEINGRAD, however, none of the telephone numbers listed above were shown.

The 1949 Suburban Philadelphia Telephone Directory contains no listings to any person named WEINGRAD.

Telephone number WA 4-6172 did not appear under any of the listings to persons named DICKMAN and it is suggested that this number be checked at the Bell Telephone Company.

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Memo, SAC  
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ALBERT DICKMAN:

100-17480-203, page 17:

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Lead:

BLACK should be interviewed regarding the identity of this individual and if advisable he should thereafter be interviewed regarding any possible information he may be able to furnish regarding BLACK and his activities.

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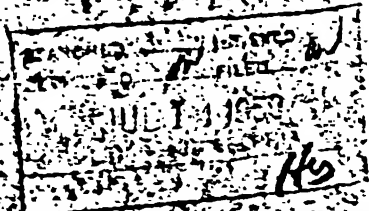
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A piece of paper bearing the phone number SA 2-6225. Also bearing "Distillers - Berks Refining Company, P.O. Box 52, Pottstown, Pa.," and the name "W. PAUL BRICKER, Box 323 Villanova, Pa., phone number Bryn Mawr 0353J."

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Lead:

ELACK should be interviewed regarding the individual to whom phone number SA 2-6225 is registered, the identity of W. PAUL BRICKER, and the nature of his business or contacts with the Berks Refining Company. Thereafter, if advisable, consideration should be given to interviewing these individuals regarding their knowledge of BLACK and his activities.

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Person checked  
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WILLIAM L. BRICKER  
MONTGOMERY AVE  
VILLANOVA, PA  
B.M. 0353J

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BLACK's explanation to SAs WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR. and ROBERT W. HOLMES,  
July 12, 1950:

Berk's Refining Co. are oil distillers and reclaimers who have done work  
for Berg Laboratories.

The telephone number SA-2-6225 is the home phone of NICHOLAS MOLNAR.

BRICKER is an acquaintance of HARRY GOLD, whom he met at Drexel. BLACK  
cannot recall exactly the reason for having the name but believes that  
GOLD recommended BRICKER either as a possible salesman for Spruce  
Chemical or as a source of capital for the same.

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A piece of paper bearing the phone number SA 2-6225. Also bearing "Distillers - Berks Refining Company, P.O. Box 52, Pottstown, Pa.," and the name "W. PAUL BRICKER, Box 323 Villanova, Pa., phone number Bryn Mawr 0353J."

Lead:

BLACK should be interviewed regarding the individual to whom phone number SA 2-6225 is registered, the identity of W. PAUL BRICKER, and the nature of his business or contacts with the Berks Refining Company. Thereafter, if advisable, consideration should be given to interviewing these individuals regarding their knowledge of BLACK and his activities.

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BLACK's explanation to SAs WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR. and ROBERT M. HOLMES,  
July 12, 1950;

Berk's Refining Co. are oil distillers and reclaimers who have done work  
for Berg Laboratories.

The telephone number SA-2-6225 is the home phone of NICHOLAS MOLNAR.

BRICKER is an acquaintance of HARRY GOLD, whom he met at Drexel. BLACK  
cannot recall exactly the reason for having the name but believes that  
GOLD recommended BRICKER either as a possible salesman for Spruce  
Chemical or as a source of capital for the same.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: June 21, 1950

FROM : SA DAVID W. BREEN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK  
ESPIONAGE - R

ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM SEARCH OF BLACK'S RESIDENCE BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN, 6/15/50.

Item #98 in BLACK's search memo by SA GALLIVAN, 6/16/50.

## Description of Material:

Name card EUGENE R. <sup>NR</sup>SMALLEY, Newport Industries, Inc., 1604 Fox Building, Philadelphia 3, with the ink notation "Collingswood, phone number 5-1509J" in the upper right hand corner and in the lower left hand corner the notation "Mr. J. L. BOYER, New York."

## Lead:

BLACK should be interviewed regarding the identity of SMALLEY, BOYER, and the person to whom the Collingswood phone number is registered. Consideration thereafter should be given to having these three individuals interviewed for any information they may be able to furnish regarding BLACK.

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*Presumably checked  
into N.S. Phoned  
E.R. SMALLEY  
1204 ELM AVE  
COLLINGSWOOD 5-1509J  
6/21/50*

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ELACK's explanation to SAs WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR. and ROBERT W. HOLMES,  
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BOYER is the head of the Technical Sales Division of the Newport  
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Lead:

The indices of the Philadelphia Office should be searched for the name ARTHUR M. SILBERMAN. If advisable, consideration should be given to interviewing SILBERMAN for any information he may have regarding BLACK and his activities.

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MEMORANDUM — SAC

June 22, 1950

ARTHUR M. SILBERMAN

The 1950 Telephone Directory contains a listing to ARTHUR M. SILBERMAN, 5002 Overbrook Avenue, Trinity 7-9421.

The 1949 Suburban Telephone Directory contains no listing to any person of this name.

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SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was;  
ESPIONAGE - R

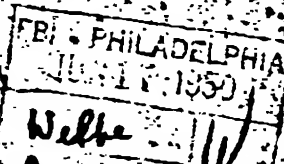
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PHILADELPHIA, PA., OCCUPIED BY THOMAS L. BLACK, THE  
SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED ON JUNE 15, 1950 BY SA ELWOOD PETT

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1622 North Broad, telephone ST 4-4475." Below this is written  
"1846 Fifth."

## LEADS

BLACK should be interviewed as to the significance of  
these companies.

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MEMO, SAC  
June 28, 1950

JOHN G. KECK AND COMPANY  
1622 North Broad  
telephone ST 4-4475  
1846 Fifth

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains a listing to JOHN G. KECK AND COMPANY, Real Estate, 1622 North Broad St., telephone ST 4-4476.

The 1949 Suburban Philadelphia Telephone Directory contains no listing to JOHN G. KECK.

The files of this office contain no derogatory information on this person.

The cross-reference telephone directory contains no listing for the address 1846 North 5th Street.

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JOHN G. KECK is a rental agent who had a property for rent at 1846  
North 5th Street, which BLACK at one time considered renting.

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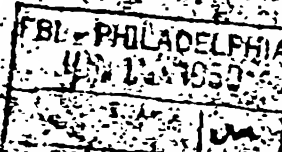
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ESPIONAGE - R

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DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

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LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed regarding the identity and activities of RABINOW, as well as BLACK's interest in the electric magnetic clutch.

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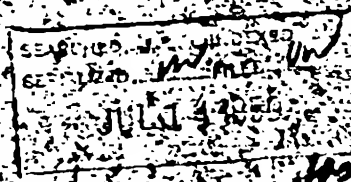
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LEAD

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ELACK's explanation to SAs WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR. and ROBERT W. HOLMES,  
July 11, 1950:

These are notes in connection with ELACK's work at Berg Chemical Co.  
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Mar. 1949  
U. S. P. 2, 455, 812"  
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Kalamazoo Creamery Co., Kalamazoo, Mich."

LEAD

Will question BLACK regarding the above patent and ascertain the identity of KIBBEY and the extent of BLACK's relationship with KIBBEY.

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BLACK's explanation to SAs WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR. and ROBERT W. HOLMES,  
July 11, 1950:

The patent noted on this piece of paper refers to the use of radiant energy for fractional distillation. The Kalamazoo Creamery Co. manufactures plastic bags used in laboratory work and BLACK's note indicates that he is to find out where they can be purchased.

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*Book*LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed regarding his interest in this matter.

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This advertisement was clipped because BLACK was interested in the possible purchase of photo copying equipment. In connection with his work he has to purchase photo copies of library material and he thought he might save money by buying the equipment. He never bought it.

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LEAD

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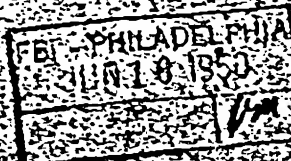
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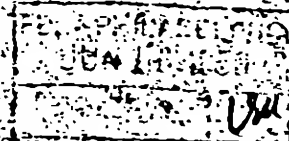
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FROM : JOHN BLAZEK, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was  
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DATE: July 10, 1950

On June 24 and 25, 1950, the following surveillance of the above captioned subject was conducted by the writer, SAS HERBERT F. GREATHOUSE, ROBERT V. HANCOCK and JAMES E. HELMER:

June 24, 1950

3:30 p.m. SAS HELMER, BLAZEK, GREATHOUSE and HANCOCK relieved the day shift agents.

4:50 p.m. Subject departed home, walked south on N. 6th Street to Berks, west on Berks to Germantown Avenue, South on Germantown Avenue to corner of 5th and Germantown Avenue where subject entered cigar store at 1808 Germantown Avenue, at 5:00 p.m.

5:07 p.m. Subject departed cigar store at 1808 Germantown Avenue and proceeded across Germantown Avenue and north 5th Street entering Charles W. Berg Laboratories.

6:18 p.m. Subject departed Charles W. Berg Laboratories carrying black hand bag and newspaper. Walked north on North 5th Street to Berks thence west to North 6th Street.

6:25 p.m. Entered residence at 1929 N. 6th St.

6:27 p.m. Departed residence

6:30 p.m. Entered confectionary store on corner of Norris Street and North 6th St.

6:32 p.m. Entered Cut Rate Drug Store 1935-41 North 6th Street.

7:42 p.m. Departed Cut Rate Drug Store

7:45 p.m. Entered residence.

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9:45 p.m. Entered Cut Rate Drug Store 1935-41 North 6th St.

11:05 p.m. Departed drug store (Cut-Rate).

11:07 p.m. Entered residence.

11:45 p.m. "Lights out" in subject's residence.

June 25, 1950

12:10 a.m. Surveillance discontinued.

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SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was  
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DATE: July 10, 1950

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4:47 p.m. Subject purchased newspaper at cigar store at 1808 Germantown Avenue.

4:48 p.m. Subject walked north on Germantown Avenue to Cut Rate Drug Store at 1940 Germantown Avenue.

4:59 p.m. Subject entered Cut Rate Drug Store of B. OMINSKY, 1940 Germantown Avenue.

5:22 p.m. Subject leaves drug store, walks to home at 1929 N. 6th Street.

5:25 p.m. Subject enters home.

5:34 p.m. Subject leaves home and walked to corner of 6th and Berks Street.

5:36 p.m. Subject boards streetcar #7153 going west on Berks Street.

5:44 p.m. Subject leaves streetcar #7153 at Broad and Columbia.

5:45 p.m. Subject enters United Cigar Store at northwest corner of Broad and Columbia, walks downstairs to Columbia subway station.

5:55 p.m. Subject catches southbound subway train.

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6:06 p.m. Subject walks west on Market Street and enters Sun Ray Drug Store at Mole and Market Street where he purchased some smoking supplies.

6:10 p.m. Subject leaves Sun Ray Drug Store.

6:15 p.m. Subject enters 500 Widener Building.

10:10 p.m. Subject leaves Widener Building.

10:14 p.m. Subject enters Linton's Restaurant, located on north side of Market, between 12th and 13th Streets.

10:30 p.m. Subject leaves Linton's, walks east on Market.

11:08 p.m. Subject boards trolley #8766 going north at 5th and Market.

11:23 p.m. Subject leaves trolley at 5th and Berks.

11:25 p.m. Subject enters home.

12:00 p.m. Surveillance discontinued.

Agent's notes on the above surveillance are being retained in file 65-4332-1A.

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SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 7/14/50

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TITLE <b>VERA KANE, was Veronica Batcheller, Mrs. John Dempster Kane, Mrs. Jack Kane</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

VERA KANE reported born 12/25/99, Rensselaer, New York, as VERONICA BATCHELLER (not verified). Reported to have graduated from Barnard College in New York City. Married JOHN DEMPSTER KANE. Reported well-versed in law and was head of the Litigation Department of Frazier, Spears, Meyer and Kidder, of Wall Street, New York. KANE described as brilliant, and entertaining and to have many unusual acquaintances. Reported to be an acquaintance of CLARENCE HATHAWAY, former Editor of the "Daily Worker" and acquainted with members of the National Committee of the Communist Party. In 1934, assisted THOMAS L. BLACK, admitted espionage agent of the 1930 period, and FERDINAND P. HELLER, BLACK's associate, in preparation of data for subsequent turnover to Amtorg Trading Corporation in New York. In 1939 reported to have typed formulae and processes obtained by HELLER from American Chemical Paint Company to be given to BLACK's Soviet superior. This turnover not completed; however, did copy information on a Parkerizing process obtained by HELLER, which was turned over to BLACK's Soviet superior "JACK." Associates set forth.

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DETAILS:

This is a joint report of the writer and Special Agent WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR.

I. BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

THOMAS L. BLACK and FERDINAND P. HELLER have said that VERA KANE on October 23 and 24, 1934 typed reports containing industrial formulae which were then to be given to Amtorg Trading Corporation of New York City. HELLER said these reports were given by him to an unidentified person named PETERSEN, who said he was a friend of GAIK OVAKIMIAN of Amtorg. BLACK has advised KANE, in 1939, typed into report form formulae and processes of the "Thermoil Granodine process" of the American Chemical Paint Company. This process was a variation of a Parkerizing process for rust-proofing of metals which had been converted to treatment of bearing surfaces to shorten the break-in period. BLACK said KANE was aware that this information was to be given to BLACK's Soviet superior in 1939.

Persons who will be mentioned herein by reason of their espionage contacts are identified as follows:

HARRY GOLD

HARRY GOLD, 6823 Kindred Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 22, 1950, told Special Agents T. SCOTT MILLER, JR. and RICHARD E. BRENNAN that he was the individual to whom Dr. EMIL JULIUS KLAUS FUCHS passed information concerning the atomic bomb, for transmission to Russia.



THOMAS L. BLACK, wa Tasso Lessing Black

THOMAS L. BLACK resides at 1929 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is employed as a chemist at the Charles W. Berg Laboratories, 1827 North 5th Street, Philadelphia. BLACK is voluntarily being interviewed currently at Philadelphia and has told Special Agents WILLIAM B. VELTE, JR. and ROBERT W. HOLMES of his Soviet espionage activities. BLACK has admitted giving in 1933-34 industrial processes concerning sulphonation of oils and rust-proofing processes to his then Soviet superior, GAIK OVAKIMIAN of Amtorg Trading Corporation of New York City. He said his later Soviet superiors were PAUL PETERSEN (1934-1938), Dr. SCHWARTZ (1938-1939), JACK (1939-1948) and has given detailed information concerning his association with these persons. In addition, BLACK said he has been a close friend of HARRY GOLD, previously mentioned, since the early 1930's and knew GOLD was active in Soviet espionage.

FERDINAND PHILIP HELLER, was, Ferdinand Phillip Heller,  
Fred Heller, Fern Heller, Fred Berger

FERDINAND P. HELLER, 199 West Chew Street, Philadelphia, has been employed as a chemist and technical representative for American Chemical Paint Company, Ambler, Pennsylvania, since 1937. HELLER has been interviewed by the Philadelphia Division and told of being a friend of THOMAS L. BLACK from Pennsylvania State College days, 1926-1930, to date. He said he has been acquainted with HARRY GOLD since about 1931 and aided GOLD in obtaining employment at Holbrook Manufacturing Company, Harrison, New Jersey, in 1933. HELLER in 1931-1933 was employed by the Pennsylvania Sugar Company of Philadelphia and its subsidiary, the Franco American Sugar Company, Carlstadt, New Jersey. He was unemployed in 1933-1934, except for approximately six months with the Reese Brothers Company of New York City in 1933. He resided in 1933-1934 with VERA KANE as man and wife at 335 West 11th Street, New York City, until he became employed November 1, 1934, by the Celluloid Corporation of America in Newark, New Jersey, which employment he held until 1937.

HELLER said in 1932-1933 he and BLACK were desirous of securing employment in Russia and as a result, HELLER contacted in 1934 GAIK OVAKIMIAN of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, New York City, making arrangements to meet OVAKIMIAN again on October 21, 1934. As a result of this meeting, BLACK and

HELLER agreed to provide industrial formulae to Amtorg. KANE typed the information on October 23 and 24, 1934, which she knew was to be given to Amtorg by HELLER. Details of this activity will be set forth later in this report. HELLER said he has had no direct contact with Amtorg officials or Russian representatives since October 25, 1934.

## II. BLACK'S STORY

The interviews with THOMAS L. BLACK were conducted by Special Agents ROBERT W. HOLMES and WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., in the Philadelphia FBI Office.

BLACK advised on June 20, 1950, that he was a member of the Communist Party in Unit #3, in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1932. At that time, a friend of his named J. BYRON MCKINNEY, a Party member who was an unemployed seaman living with his family in Jersey City, took him to meet a woman whom MCKINNEY described as being brilliant and entertaining. This woman was VERA KANE. At that time she lived at the Level Club, which was formerly a Masonic Hotel on 71st Street in New York City. BLACK kept up his friendship with VERA KANE for the ensuing years. BLACK introduced FERDINAND P. HELLER to KANE and subsequently HELLER lived with her in her apartment during the period of his unemployment in 1933-1934.

VERA KANE had surrounded herself with a number of people, the majority of whom were interested in the Soviet Union. Some of these individuals who were close friends and associates of VERA KANE were:

BUD COOK, a truck driver who came from the State of Washington.

CHARLES NEHER, a chemist who was from Walla Walla, Washington, and at one time had been a Communist Party member.

JOSEPH SKILTON, an old friend of FERDINAND P. HELLER and now a dentist in Philadelphia.

GLADYS MOREHOUSE, now the wife of Dr. JOSEPH SKILTON.

Dr. COPELY, an osteopath now believed to be practicing in New York City.

IRENE GRAVES, also known as Renee Graves, a native of Rochester, New York, and then the Social Editor of the New York World.

HENRY and AUREA BROWN, husband and wife.  
AUREA BROWN was an artist.

EDDIE DRAKE, a former IWW member, seaman and steel worker.

HARRY DALALIAN, a Penn State classmate of HELLER and BLACK, who is now employed at the Lederle Laboratory Division of the American Cyanamide Company, Pearl River, New York.

BLACK also stated that during the period of the depression VERA KANE fed many of her friends who were unemployed and that at one time a number of these individuals had keys to her apartment. Her apartment at that time was at 335 West 11th Street and she subsequently moved to the Cartaret Hotel in New York City.

On June 28, 1950, BLACK furnished the following background information regarding VERA KANE:

She was born December 25, 1899, at Rensselaer, New York. Her maiden name was VERONICA BATCHELLER. Her father was English and her mother was Irish. She was raised in the Catholic Church. According to BLACK, she attended and was graduated from Barnard College in New York City, the exact year not known to BLACK. She married a man by the name of JOHN DEMPSTER KANE, who came from Philadelphia. BLACK believed that JACK KANE, as he was known, later became Superintendent of a paper mill in Up-State New York. VERA KANE has one son, who is reported to be living with his father. VERA KANE and her husband are not divorced, but separated.

At various times she has made claims to BLACK of having been on the stage and in radio. She was employed for a number of years by the law firm of Frazier, Spears, Moyers, and Kidder, of Wall Street, New York. VERA KANE is not a member of the Bar but is well versed in the law and on one occasion told BLACK that she was head of the Litigation Department. At one time she told BLACK that she was employed by a Japanese Silk Importing firm in New York City.

BLACK never had any proof that VERA KANE was a member of

the Communist Party, but stated that she had many unusual acquaintances close to and in the Party. For example, on one occasion she told him that she was acquainted with a Party member named UDOFF, an attorney. On another occasion, when BLACK and VERA KANE were having dinner in a restaurant in New York, she introduced him to CLARENCE HATHAWAY, a former editor of the "Daily Worker." She told BLACK that she was acquainted with members of the Central Committee or the National Committee of the Communist Party. BLACK was unable to recall the dates of the above-mentioned incidents.

Through her law firm associates, she told BLACK that she had learned that the telephones at the Communist Party Headquarters had been tapped and that when she learned this, she reported this to a friend of hers who was on the National Committee of the Communist Party.

In late 1933 and in 1934 HELLER and BLACK, desiring employment in Russia as chemists, discussed their plans with VERA KANE. HELLER and KANE were living in the latter's apartment at that time at 335 West 11th Street, New York City. HELLER in 1933 went to Amtorg Trading Corporation and there contacted GAIK OVAKIMIAN to secure information concerning BLACK's and HELLER's desired employment in Russia. OVAKIMIAN was interested in seeing both HELLER and BLACK and made arrangements to meet with them. At the first meeting of the three (BLACK was unable to provide the dates), BLACK mentioned Nopco processes of sulphonation of oils and OVAKIMIAN asked for this information. BLACK provided the information, which was typed by VERA KANE at her apartment for presentation to OVAKIMIAN.

BLACK said the period of the above activity was a few weeks in 1934 and was terminated by OVAKIMIAN, who came to KANE's apartment and said the transposition from HELLER's and BLACK's notes was too slow and he wanted all the information in one unit. He took all of the available notes. OVAKIMIAN returned the notes in a few weeks; however, BLACK could not recall if the notes were returned to HELLER or BLACK. BLACK said KANE knew the information was to be given Russia, but seemed to regard it as foolishness, not being too sympathetic.

On June 22, 1950, BLACK advised that in 1939 FERDINAND P. HELLER, who was then employed by the American Chemical Paint Company, noticed in the files of that Company a letter from Amtorg requesting that the American Chemical Paint Company furnish to Amtorg details on the "Thermoil Granodine" process for the treatment of bearing surfaces. The American Chemical Paint Company never replied to the Amtorg letter.

HELLER then (1939) contacted BLACK at Nopco and told him



of the above, proposing that BLACK relay the requested information to the Russians - if he still had contact with the U.S.S.R. BLACK agreed and HELLER brought the information, consisting of library index cards and several sheets of paper containing notations. From these, HELLER and BLACK wrote a report to include not only formulae but industrial information as to steps in the manufacture as well as the use and application of the product. BLACK explained the "Thermoil Granodine" process was based on the Parker patents, then expired, which had been applied by the American Chemical Paint Company to a new use of surfacing bearings to shorten the break-in period.

KANE typed the report in final form, which BLACK a few months later in late 1939 or early 1940 turned over to his Soviet superior, JACK. BLACK could not recall the place of the typing but believed it was at KANE's apartment, BLACK's apartment in Chellis Austin Apartments, Newark, New Jersey, or at HELLER's residence at 199 West Chew Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Later in 1939 BLACK and HELLER decided that HELLER should make available all the processes of the American Chemical Paint Company that were available to him and they would retain them with the idea in mind for the two of them going into business. In addition to that, BLACK and HELLER discussed the possibility of turning this information over to the Soviets. BLACK estimates that HELLER brought approximately 200 library cards to VERA KANE's apartment one weekend, which library cards contained American Chemical Paint Company formulae and that VERA KANE copied these formulae. BLACK stated that VERA KANE made one copy of the cards which were to be turned over to the Soviet Union.

BLACK said the typing was done by KANE in a room rented by BLACK and HELLER at the Hotel Sherman Square at 71st and Broadway, New York City. The actual period or dates BLACK is unable to recall and has said 1937, then 1939 and later 1942; however, it was accomplished by KANE on a Saturday evening and a Sunday. BLACK has expressed some confusion in that he was unable to recall the details of the copying - once stating it was done at KANE's apartment in the presence of DOROTHY WISWELL and then later at the Hotel Sherman Square.

After completion of the copying, HELLER retained his original cards and BLACK for a short time held the copies typed by KANE. BLACK stated that due to the fact that he was trying to break relations with the Soviets at this time, he did not turn over to them the copies made by VERA KANE. After retaining them for a period of time, he gave them back to VERA KANE. VERA KANE agreed to retain the copies in her safe deposit box in the event that BLACK and HELLER would go into business together in the future. BLACK stated that so far

as he knows VERA KANE may still retain the copies of the American Chemical Paint Company formulae.

On June 19, 1950, FERDINAND P. HELLER provided the Philadelphia Office with a file containing approximately 900 library index cards. These cards, according to HELLER, bear various formulae relating to processes of the American Chemical Paint Company and contain those BLACK and HELLER planned to use in operation of their own business.

BLACK advised on June 27, 1950, that in 1937 he joined the Socialist Party at the bidding of his Soviet superior in order to secure information about Trotskyite activities for the Soviets. BLACK stated that VERA KANE was well aware of his membership in the Trotskyite faction of the Socialist Party and his later membership in 1939 in the Socialist Workers Party. When LEON TROTSKY was killed in 1940, BLACK stated that he discussed the matter with VERA KANE and told her that he as a member of the Socialist Workers Party was serving as a spy for the Russians. In this capacity he had been assigned in 1938 at Newark, New Jersey, to become acquainted with the leadership of the Socialist Workers Party and ingratiate himself for the purpose of being sent to Coyoacan, Mexico. At Coyoacan, as a member of the household of LEON TROTSKY, leader of the Socialist Workers Party, he would be in a position to do work for the Russians. Since the death of TROTSKY, BLACK believed he had been selected by the Russians as the possible assassin; however, due to his inability to get to Mexico, another person had been selected.

BLACK's association with VERA KANE continued from 1932 to 1944 with the exception of a period of two or three years around 1936 when they were out of contact.

BLACK stated he has no positive information that VERA KANE is involved in Soviet Espionage activity but that there are a number of suspicious circumstances which point to the fact that she may be involved in Soviet espionage activity. BLACK recalled that around 1935 VERA KANE moved from her apartment at the Cartaret Hotel, leaving no forwarding address. For a two year period neither BLACK nor HELLER was able to contact her nor did they know her whereabouts.

After they had reestablished their friendship with her, VERA KANE told BLACK the story as to why she disappeared. He does not recall the story at this late date but recalls now that he had dinner with her the night before her disappearance and she never mentioned anything to him on that occasion about

moving. A week after that he went to the hotel to see her and found that she had gone, leaving no forwarding address. A two or three year period intervened. She told BLACK that she had been living somewhere on the East Side of New York. She told BLACK that she had to go into hiding and implied that she was in difficulty with law enforcement agencies but she did not enlarge on the story.

BLACK stated that VERA KANE in 1934 asked FERDINAND P. HELLER and himself what she could do to be of use to the Soviet Union. She claimed that she had some confidential information made available to her through the law firm by whom she was employed regarding Allied Chemical and several large steel companies. BLACK stated that OVAKIMIAN was in VERA KANE's apartment one time in 1934 while BLACK was there and that OVAKIMIAN had come to pick up BLACK's Nopco processes.

BLACK recalled that PAUL PETERSEN, his Soviet superior from 1934 to 1938, requested him in 1935 to furnish a biographical sketch of VERA KANE. BLACK knew that such sketches were required of him when the Soviets were considering such people for recruitment as agents. BLACK felt that on certain occasions VERA KANE may have been testing his loyalty to the Soviets. He feels that she might have been assigned to find out for them if he were true.

As an example, in 1940, BLACK said when discussing with VERA KANE his assignment to TROTSKY's household in Coyoacan, he recalled that VERA KANE advised him to report this matter to the FBI and that she would make arrangements for him to do it. BLACK said that he became suspicious of this offer, believing that it would not be necessary for her to make arrangements if he desired to discuss it with the FBI, that he could have done the same. He felt that she may have been sounding him out to see if he were considering the possibility of reporting to the FBI.

VERA KANE was acquainted with HARRY GOLD. She knew in 1933 that GOLD was interested in going to the Soviet Union. BLACK did not know for certain that VERA KANE was aware of HARRY GOLD's espionage activities, but he suspected that she was aware because between 1937 and 1944 VERA KANE on a number of occasions told THOMAS BLACK that HARRY GOLD was not one for HELLER and BLACK to associate with and that it was very dangerous for them to associate with him. BLACK believes that VERA KANE may have known of HARRY GOLD's position in Soviet espionage.

BLACK recalled an incident around 1935 when PAUL PETERSEN, his Soviet contact, was putting tremendous pressure upon him to secure informa-

tion for the Soviets. He was told that if he BLACK, would work hard he would secure a high position in Soviet espionage and might even receive the reward of the Order of Lenin. BLACK said that he tried to evade this pressure but PETERSEN was pressuring him into working with them. Within a matter of several weeks after this, he had occasion to talk to VERA KANE. At that time VERA KANE told him the story about BUD COOK, who is previously mentioned as one of her associates. COOK was employed as a driver of a tank truck for a firm known as "Oilwell and Alls Well." The operator of this was a bootleg gas dealer. COOK stole a gun which was subsequently turned over to the Communist Party. The Party had previously, according to VERA KANE, endeavored to get a small revolver. The gun that COOK stole was a machine gun and was turned over to the Party. The Party had considerable trouble disposing of it since it was not a gun that would fit their needs. This gun was stolen by COOK from counterfeiters who were alleged to have operated in the garage of his employer, the bootleg gas dealer. BLACK felt that this was a subtle way on the part of VERA KANE of indicating to him that he had better submit to the Soviet pressure.

### III. HELLER'S STORY

FERDINAND PHILIP HELLER, aka Fred Heller, a technical representative of the American Chemical Paint Company, Ambler, Pennsylvania, who resides at 199 West Chew Street, Philadelphia, was interviewed on June 20, 1950 by Special Agents JACK WEIDMAN and WILLIAM H. NAYLOR. At that time HELLER advised that he first met VERA KANE in early 1933 as a result of an acquaintance with THOMAS L. BLACK. As a result of the introduction to KANE he advised that he became very much interested in her and eventually moved in 1933 to 335 West 11th Street, New York City, where he resided with VERA KANE in an apartment. He advised that in September 1933 he and VERA took their vacations together. He stated that he drove to Canada in his 1928 Model A Ford Sedan, going to Lake George, Montreal, and Quebec, returning via Boston, Massachusetts. HELLER advised while in Quebec they registered in the Hotel Hollywood as man and wife under his name. In Quebec he and VERA KANE purchased from the C. Eug Labrecque, 46 Rue de la Fabrique, two rugs, one of which he retained and the other VERA KANE kept.

HELLER pointed out that he has an album in the form of a scrap book in which he maintains souvenirs of various parties and affairs that he has attended. He displayed four ticket stubs dated June 8, 1934 to the "Stevedore" at the Civic Repertory Theatre in New York City. HELLER advised that he has a notation which indicates that he attended this performance with VERA KANE and THOMAS L. BLACK. He also displayed a ticket which indicated that he and VERA had taken a boat ride to Bear Mountain on June 17, 1934. He dis-



played tickets dated September 14, 1934 that indicated he and VERA KANE had attended a performance of "Tobacco Road" at the 48th Street Theatre in New York City. He further advised that VERA had taken a two or three week vacation to visit her father in Albany, New York, at about this same time.

Concerning HELLER's residence with VERA KANE in 1933 and 1934, HELLER provided a list of associates which is similar to that provided by THOMAS L. BLACK mentioned previously in this report. He adds the following information or comments concerning these individuals:

CHARLES NEHER, aka "Chuck." HELLER stated that NEHER was a graduate of Whitman College at Walla Walla, Washington, and was a chemist. His parents were farmers near Walla Walla in the period 1932 or 1934. He described NEHER as a "liberal" and a "pink." HELLER advised that as far as he knew NEHER was never an actual member of the Communist Party.

BUD COOK. HELLER described COOK as a cowboy and truck driver who was politically uneducated as compared with NEHER and the other members of the KANE circle. HELLER stated that COOK's father owned a ranch near Walla Walla.

Dr. JOSEPH SKILTON. HELLER described SKILTON as one of his closest friends since high school days, who visited a few times at VERA KANE's apartment while other members of the group were present. (SKILTON is a dentist practicing in Philadelphia and has been interviewed. Details will be set forth later in this report.)

J. BYRON McKINNEY. HELLER described McKINNEY as a Communist Party member, a heavy drinker, and a longshoreman or seaman. HELLER has not received any information concerning McKINNEY since approximately 1934.

HELLER stated that HARRY GOLD was never a regular visitor to VERA KANE's apartment during the time that HELLER resided with VERA. HELLER stated GOLD may have been in KANE's apartment on one or two occasions during parties, but he has no recollections of such visits.

STELLA SARIG. HELLER described SARIG as a librarian in the Allentown High School system in the 1930 period. She was a friend and associate of HELLER and KANE of the period 1933-1934.

MILTON LEHRMAN. HELLER described LEHRMAN as a druggist, Communist Party sympathizer who was associated with KANE and HELLER at this time and is now believed to reside in San Francisco, whose last address he was aware of was 1350 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

HELLER described VERA KANE as highly intelligent, a graduate of Columbia University Law School, rather eccentric and very high strung. He stated she would now be about 48 to 50 years of age and that she had been married but separated from her husband. KANE had one son by this marriage and HELLER believed he is now residing with the father. HELLER stated he never knew that KANE was a member of the Communist Party, although he described her circle of friends as "ultra liberal," explaining that many were Communists.

HELLER provided information similar to that of THOMAS L. BLACK concerning his desire to go to Russia to obtain employment as a chemist. In the planning and preparation for such possible activities, HELLER stated conversations were conducted in the presence of KANE, who appeared to be disinterested but well aware of the activities. HELLER and BLACK told KANE of their initial dealings with the Amtorg Trading Corporation, and that GAIK OVAKIMIAN, an Amtorg representative, had requested HELLER and BLACK to provide the Russian agency with information on technical processes. HELLER stated that KANE typed up at least one group of chemical formulae for him and BLACK, which were turned over by HELLER to PETERSEN. PETERSEN substituted for GAIK OVAKIMIAN, obtaining information which HELLER and BLACK had gathered concerning sulphonation of oils, which information had been obtained by BLACK from the National Oil Products Company. HELLER advised that this information was typed in VERA KANE's apartment on Saturday, October 23, 1934, and possibly completed on October 24. He stated that he dictated explanatory data concerning many of the formulae which would assist in clarifying and explaining the processes. HELLER advised that when VERA had finished typing the material, it was placed in an ordinary mailing envelope and left in KANE's apartment on a table until OVAKIMIAN or someone representing OVAKIMIAN would call for them.

In this connection, HELLER explained that he received a call from an individual on Monday, October 25, 1934, who identified himself as

PETERSEN, a friend of OVAKIMIAN, requesting the information. HELLER stated that he turned the material over to PETERSEN at a pre-arranged meeting place and told VERA that evening the information had been given the Russian agent.

Concerning the identity of the individual referred to as PETERSON, THOMAS L. BLACK and HARRY GOLD agree that BLACK introduced GOLD to a man who was then (1934) BLACK's superior and who became GOLD's Soviet superior. BLACK knew this individual as PAUL PETERSEN and GOLD knew him as PAUL SMITH, although GOLD later said there was some doubt as to whether the last name used was actually SMITH. BLACK and GOLD have independently furnished a description of this individual as a stocky man, 5'8"-5'9". Although the descriptions vary to some degree, they are generally consistent, bearing in mind that the incident took place approximately fifteen years ago. Their descriptions do not in any respect correspond with that given by HELLER of the man he met under the name PETERSON and there is no reason to believe that the last named is identical with the Soviet superior of BLACK and GOLD.

On November 1, 1934 HELLER started work at the Celluloid Corporation of America in Newark, New Jersey, and either that day or the next moved his belongings from the KANE apartment to Newark. HELLER advised that relations between him and VERA were strained and as a result he became separated from her. He explained that on November 7, 1934, he returned to KANE's apartment and found THOMAS L. BLACK there. He was jealous of BLACK's attention to KANE and inasmuch as he had been drinking considerably, accused BLACK and KANE of being extremely close. KANE slapped his face, as he recalled, and he left the KANE apartment.

HELLER explained that his friendship with KANE was renewed on a very limited scale in approximately 1937.

HELLER recalled a visit to THOMAS BLACK's apartment in Newark when BLACK, HARRY GOLD and an individual known as "JOHN L.", identified by BLACK as CHARLES FREEFIELD, and HELLER were present. At this time, in 1939, HELLER's notes on the American Chemical Paint Company formulae involving the Parkerizing process were written into complete form. HELLER said there was a discussion at this time concerning possibly giving the information to the Amtorg Trading Corporation. He stated the data was not given to Amtorg. It is to be noted this story varies from that of BLACK, who has said KANE was present and typed the report, making no mention of the presence of GOLD or FREEFIELD.

On interview of June 17, 1950, by Special Agents WILLIAM

H. NAYLOR and ROBERT E. MASTERS, HELLER stated that his position in 1939 with the American Chemical Paint Company had become a bit shaky in that the concern had sold its rights to its rust-proofing treatment and he was afraid of losing his job. At this time he, DOROTHY WISWELL and VERA KANE typed up formulae which he had obtained from the paint company, planning to use this in setting up his own business. He indicated that these formulae concerned phosphate coatings used in connection with rust-proofing of metal.

HELLER stated that he had taken copies of this information to New York in the form of library index cards, where they were copied by KANE and turned over to THOMAS L. BLACK. HELLER recalled that there had been some discussion about sending this information to the Amtorg Trading Corporation, but did not remember who made the suggestion. HELLER had obtained the processes of the American Chemical Paint Company for his own use in connection with his position in the laboratory of the concern, maintaining his own index system.

HELLER stated that he had attempted to secure from VERA KANE the copies of his index system typed by her; however, had been given the "run around." HELLER did not know their exact location now, indicated that he believed they were used in some espionage activity but was unable to provide details and said this was his assumption.

HELLER married DOROTHY WISWELL in 1943 and was divorced from her in 1945. Shortly after his divorce he stated that KANE visited him in Philadelphia for approximately one day. This day was spent in conversation, eating and drinking and he recalls little of the meeting except that at that time he inquired of HARRY GOLD. HELLER stated that KANE told him to keep away from GOLD as GOLD "was a bad egg." HELLER requested clarification and further information of KANE concerning this statement, but received no further information or explanation.

HELLER stated that during the World War II he was on a business trip for the American Chemical Paint Company in the vicinity of Gadsden, Alabama. He met in Gadsden, JOHN WALDO who he explained was a friend of VERA KANE. HELLER stated that WALDO was in the United States Army at the time and that this meeting was merely a social affair and of very short duration.

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

##### A. INTERVIEW OF DR. JOSEPH D. SKILTON

Dr. JOSEPH D. SKILTON, Dentist, who resides at 26 Roseland



Avenue, Fox Chase Manor, Philadelphia, was interviewed by Special Agents JACK WALDMAN and ROBERT E. MASTERS on June 23, 1950. SKILTON advised that he has been a friend of HELLER since their student days in Northeast High School in Philadelphia. He said that HELLER and he had attended a party at VERA KANE's apartment in about 1933. He was unable to provide further details concerning the associates and activities of VERA KANE, stating that he had seen VERA KANE but one other time than that mentioned above. He did recall one individual who played a guitar and sang cowboy songs, whose first name was "CHUCK."

B. INTERVIEW OF DOROTHY WISWELL

On June 27, 1950, Miss DOROTHY WISWELL, former wife of FERDINAND P. HELLER, was interviewed by Special Agents ROBERT E. MASTERS and JACK WALDMAN. She stated that she had met VERA KANE but three times, twice in KANE's apartment, the address of which she could not recall, and once in THOMAS L. BLACK's apartment, Chellis Austin Apartments, Newark, New Jersey. She said the first time she met VERA KANE was at a party at VERA's apartment and that the general conversation and tone of political discussion so bored her that she went to sleep. As she recalled, the participants talked about Communism and the new social order but she was unable to remember names of the individuals present because she met them only that one evening. She did recall that THOMAS L. BLACK was present and one individual who was a doctor and whose name was COPLEY.

She stated that one time later, the date of which she could not recall, she visited in New York City with HELLER and again went to KANE's apartment. At this time KANE and HELLER departed, disappearing for several hours. She stated she was left in the apartment with the individual known as COPLEY, remained for a short time and then went to her hotel. On the way to the hotel she stopped in a tavern with COPLEY for a few drinks. Shortly after her entry into the tavern KANE and HELLER entered. WISWELL stated she was never able to find out where they had been or how they knew where to meet her. Miss WISWELL was unable to provide further details.

WISWELL was unable to recall typing with VERA KANE a report or index cards for BLACK or HELLER.

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In reference to STELLA SARIG, a pretext telephone call was made on June 28, 1950 by Special Agent THOMAS F. HANNIGAN to the residence at 729 Tilghman Street, in Allentown, Pa., which had been indicated by HELLER as the last address of SARIG. Information reflects that a Mrs. FISHER of Reading, Pa., would know the whereabouts of SARIG, who had been married and was now living in Pittsburgh.

Subsequently on June 30, 1950 Special Agent JAY SMITH made a pretext call to Mrs. OTTO H. FISHER of 3713 St. Lawrence Avenue, Reading, and learned that SARIG is now Mrs. J. W. PATTERSON, residing at Dover Gables, House Number 8, 561 S. McGley Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

On June 19, 1950 HELLER provided Special Agent ROBERT E. MASTERS with a cardboard box containing approximately 900 3 x 5 cards which bear various formulae and processes. According to HELLER, these cards are his notes concerning the processes of the American Chemical Paint Company, which in part were copied by KANE at her apartment in New York City. HELLER has stated he believes KANE retained the cards, but does not know their exact location now, and believed that they may have been turned over to Soviet representatives by KANE or BLACK. These cards have been forwarded to the Bureau by letter dated June 26, 1950 in connection with the investigation of HELLER for an analysis and evaluation.

HELLER on interview stated he recalled that VERA KANE had been employed by the United States Army as secretary to General HUGH DRUM. HELLER was unable to provide further details.

The leads in this case are often duplicates of leads already set out in the report of SA HOWARD A. SEARL, Philadelphia, 7/6/550, in the case entitled "FERDINAND P. HELLER, was, Espionage - R."

The filing cabinet of FERDINAND P. HELLER, obtained by the Philadelphia Division, was forwarded the Laboratory by letter dated June 26, 1950, for analysis and evaluation.

LEADS

THE BUREAU HAS DIRECTED BY TELETYPE DATED JUNE 29, 1950, THAT ALL LEADS BE COVERED EXPEDITIOUSLY AND REPORTS SUBMITTED WITHOUT DELAY.

PITTSBURGH OFFICE

AT PITTSBURGH

Will interview Mrs. J. W. PATTERSON, Dover Gables, House Number 8, 561 S. Megley Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Mrs. PATTERSON was formerly STELLA SARIG, who was acquainted with a group of persons associated with VERA KANE in the early 1930's.

PITTSBURGH is requested to secure information Mrs. PATTERSON may have concerning the activities of the subject, THOMAS L. BLACK, and FERDINAND P. HELLER.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will locate and interview MILTON LEHRMAN, a druggist, whose last address was 1350 Sutter Street, San Francisco. LEHRMAN was an associate of HELLER and KANE and reported a Communist Party sympathizer in 1934.

SEATTLE OFFICE

AT WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Determine the identity and interview CHARLES "CHUCK" NEHER, a graduate of Whitman College, and chemist said to be married to a school teacher in Walla Walla. NEHER was an associate of KANE and HELLER in 1932-1934, and is described as liberal and a "pink". His parents were reported farmers near Walla Walla in the 1930's, and he would be approximately 45 years of age now.

Similarly locate and interview one "BUD" COOK, friend of NEHER from Walla Walla, Washington, who was an associate of KANE and HELLER. COOK is said to be the son of a rancher, and to be a cowhand and truck driver.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE

AT ST. LOUIS

Ascertain from the United States Army records of former

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civilian employees if VERA KANE was ever employed by the United States Army. She was reported by HELLER to have served as Secretary to General HUGH DRUM. If so employed, obtain the identity of superiors and associates, setting out appropriate leads relative to the activities of KANE, and to determine her access to classified information.

REFERENCES: Butel June 29, 1950.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Philadelphia

FROM : SA ROBERT W. HOLMES

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.  
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DATE: 6/13/50

In connection with securing background information on FERDINAND P. HELKER, an employee of the American Chemical Paint Company of Ambler, Pennsylvania, who met with BLACK on 6/9/50, the following information was secured from Poor's Directory of Corporations concerning the American Chemical Paint Company:

Its plant is located on Brookside Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania, and the company has the following officers:

LEON CHERKSEY, President + B O F D  
F. P. SPRUANCE, Vice-President (Sales) + B O F D  
G. C. ROMIG, Vice-President on B O F D  
R. M. NAYLOR, Treasurer and Personnel Director  
H. D. STEINERIGHT, Secretary and Purchasing Agent on B O F D  
R. M. NAYLOR, Comptroller  
H. P. GENTIEU, Advertising Manager - 20307-537  
A. DOUTY, Chief Chemist - 20335-90-710  
W. G. SMITH, Production Manager - 33312-979

HAROLD DIXON  
BORN - 1898 WARRINGTON  
STUMPHALL RD.  
CEDARS, PA.

The plant is listed as having 150 employees engaged in the manufacture of metal working and rust removing chemicals, lanolin, wood scouring and bottle washing processes, agricultural chemicals, plant hormones, herbicides and cholesterol.

Chief LESTER CARPENTER, H.A., of the Ambler Police Department, told the writer that the plant is actually located just over the borough line in Lower Gwynedd Township, but that the mail address is Ambler. Chief CARPENTER said that he is personally acquainted with Mr. CHERKSEY, who, as far as he knows, is a reputable, reliable person. He is personally acquainted with CHERKSEY as a fellow member of the Ambler Rotary Club. He does not personally know any of the other officers.

Mr. CHARLES ULMER, proprietor of Ulmer's Flower Shop, Butler Street, Ambler, Pennsylvania, a personal friend of SA WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., advised that he is personally acquainted with LEON CHERKSEY, the president, and that CHERKSEY has the reputation for being a capable, successful businessman in the community. His personal life is very private and he does not associate with the community on social matters. Mr. ULMER knows of no reason to doubt the loyalty of CHERKSEY.

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MEMO, SAC

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Mr. ULMER, while not personally acquainted with R. M. NAYLOR, the personnel director, does know of his reputation, which he states is very good. NAYLOR's daughter is also employed by the same company and his wife is employed as a saleswoman for Better Brushes. Mr. ULMER advised that so far as he knew, both individuals were loyal beyond any question.

LEAD

It is suggested that Mr. LEON CHERKSEY, the president of the American Chemical Paint Company, be contacted and information regarding the background of FERDINAND P. HELLER be obtained from him. Interviewing Agents should ascertain the extent of HELLER's European trips, who authorized the trips, and who made all arrangements for the trips. Interviewing Agents should ascertain the number of trips HELLER took and whether they were entirely on the business of the American Chemical Paint Company or whether any other company or individuals participated in sharing the expenses for the trips. Also ascertain through CHERKSEY information regarding FERDINAND HELLER's activities at that company.

CHERKSEY should be cautioned to keep the interview in confidence.

*N.B. A. Daulty is a member of Association of Phil. Scientists in*

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June 15, 1950

SE R. DAVIS PORTER

*Ferdinand P. Heller*  
~~THOMAS L. BLACK, was.,~~  
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Reference is made to the memo of SA ROBERT W. HODGES dated June 15, 1950, which lists the officers and board of directors of the American Chemical Paint Company, Ambler, Pennsylvania, as listed in Poor's Directory of Corporations.

In an effort to further identify these persons, the sources listed were checked prior to the checking of the office indices:

LEON CHERKSEY, President and member of the Board of Directors

The 1949 Suburban Philadelphia Telephone Directory contains a listing for LEON R. CHERKSEY, 1251 Wyngate Road, Wynnewood, Pa.

The files of this office contain the following information on this person:

67-6340 This file is the applicant investigative file on Mrs. JEANNIE B. CHERKSEY, who was employed by this office as a stenographer in 1944. The information in this file indicates that LEON CHERKSEY, the brother-in-law of this former employee, resided at 1251 Wyngate Road, Wynnewood, Pa., in 1942 and was employed as President of the American Chemical Paint Company, Ambler, Pa. This file contains no derogatory information on LEON CHERKSEY.

F. PALIN SPRUANCE, Vice-President (Sales) and member of the Board of Directors

The 1949 Suburban Philadelphia Telephone Directory contains a listing for F. PALIN SPRUANCE, Alms House and Jacksonville Road, Ivyland, Pa., and a listing for F. PALIN SPRUANCE, Jr., 546 East Rosemary Avenue, Ambler, Pa.

The files of this office contain no information on these persons.

G. C. ROMIG, Vice-President and member of the Board of Directors

The 1949 Suburban Philadelphia Telephone Directory contains a listing for GERALD C. ROMIG, 646 Lindley Road, Laverock Hills, with an Ogontz telephone number.

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P. M. NAYLOR, Treasurer and Personnel Director and Comptroller

The 1949 Suburban Philadelphia Telephone Directory contains a listing for RAYMOND M. NAYLOR, 735 Noble Street, with a Norristown phone number.

The files of this office contain no information on this person.

H. D. STEINBRIGHT, Secretary and Purchasing Agent and member of the ~~Board of Directors~~.

In the listing of individual executives at the back of the 1950 Poor's Directory of Corporations, the following information appears: HAROLD DIXON STEINBRIGHT, born 1898 at Norristown, resides Stump Hall Road, Cedars, Pa.

The 1949 Suburban Philadelphia Telephone Directory contains a listing for HAROLD D. STEINBRIGHT, Cedars, Pa., with a Center Point telephone number.

The files of this office contain no information on this person.

N. P. GENTIEU, Advertising Manager

The 1949 Philadelphia Suburban Telephone Directory contains a listing for NORMAN P. GENTIEU, 86 South Lansdowne Avenue, Lansdowne, Pa.

The files of this office contain the following information on this person and on a Mrs. GENTIEU, who is apparently his wife.

67-C-7780 and 7781. By letter dated October 7, 1941, NORMAN PIERRE GENTIEU, 3433 West Penn Street, Philadelphia, furnished this office with background data on himself and requested an application for employment with the Bureau.

By letter dated October 11, 1941, he was furnished with a copy of the basic requirements for positions with the Bureau and an application for employment.

100-20307-537 On January 17, 1945, Captain THOMAS J. GIBBONS of the Crime Prevention Association furnished SA JAMES L. REINHART with a program for a "Living Together Conference"



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which was held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel on Saturday January 13, 1945. Item Four on this program indicates that a discussion on the "Young People's Role in Developing Good Race Relations" would be held and that ELIZABETH GENTIEU of the High School Fellowship was one of the invited participants in this discussion.

100-20238-9 On September 26, 1944, Confidential Informant #1 (Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, Philadelphia, Pa.) furnished this office with a photostatic copy of a program entitled "Your Key to Fellowship House", 1451 Brown Street, Philadelphia, Pa. This printed program indicates that Mrs. NORMAN GENTIEU was a member of the Board of Directors of the Fellowship House at that time.

A. DOUTY, Chief Chemist

The 1949 Philadelphia Suburban Telephone Directory contains a listing for ALFRED DOUTY, 515 Harrison Avenue, Elkins Park, Pa.

The files of this office contain the following information information on ALFRED DOUTY, American Chemical Paint Company, Ambler, Pa., and on Mrs. ALFRED DOUTY.

100-51538-6 P. 10, 11. In the report of SA JOHN E. KEEFE, dated October 16, 1946, at Philadelphia in the case titled NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC INFORMATION et al, INTERNAL SECURITY - C, the following information appears on pages 10 and 11, under the heading "Officers of the A. of P. S.".

The officers of the Association of Philadelphia Scientists for the year ending May 24, 1946, as set forth in the "A. of P. S. News Letter", May 1946 issue, indicate ALFRED DOUTY to be Chairman of the Speakers Bureau.

"The Philadelphia indices contain no reference to ALFRED DOUTY; however, a Mrs. ALFRED DOUTY, in April 1942, was listed as a sponsor of Russian War Relief on the letterhead of that organization. The indices also contain a reference to a Mrs. ALFRED DOUTY as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Federal Union, Philadelphia Committee, an organization which proposes international Government and subscribes to the idea that nations united in war must remain united in peace."

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100-29224-255 P. 77.

On November 17, 1947, [redacted] advised SA ROBERT E. MASTERS and SE ALBERT COOPER that Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED DOUTY, 515 Harrison Avenue, Elkins Park, Pa., were on the mailing list of the Philadelphia Chapter of the AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR A DEMOCRATIC GREECE and had been invited to attend a meeting of this organization at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia on November 20, 1947. b7

65-1078-733.

On December 4, 1947, [redacted] furnished SA JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT and SE EDWARD J. CRAIG with a card index file from the office of the PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE bearing the caption "Forum-new stencils made". In this index, which was believed to constitute the mailing list of the "FORUM" of the PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, a card bearing the following name and address was found. ALFRED DOUTY, 515 Harrison Avenue, Elkins Park, Pa. b7D

100-10595-477 P. 61.

On November 28, 1946, the Philadelphia Inquirer published an article titled "C.P.A.C. SPLIT REVEALED AS 17 OFFICERS RESIGN", which states that Mrs. ALFRED DOUTY, third vice-chairman of the PHILADELPHIA CITIZENS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE was one of the seventeen persons who resigned from that group. The article quotes the following statement of the seventeen resigning members. "Progressives all over the country are reassessing their work and the organizations through which their fight can best be carried on. Our goal remains the attainment of the Four Freedoms through democratic action. At this time, we do not consider the Philadelphia Citizens Political Action Committee to be the best instrument for that purpose."

100-7190-18.

On April 30, 1942, Confidential Informant 11 furnished this office with a photostatic copy of a letter dated April 10, 1942, on the printed letterhead of RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF, INC., OF PHILADELPHIA, 1601 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. On this letterhead under the caption "Sponsors", the name Mrs. ALFRED DOUTY appears.

100-7190-67-P. 28.

In the report of SA WARD WIGHT, JR., dated May 28, 1943, at Philadelphia in the titled RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF, INC., INTERNAL SECURITY - C, the following information appears on page 28. Mrs. ALFRED DOUTY was listed as a sponsor of RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF, INC., OF PHILADELPHIA, on the

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Letterhead of that organization dated April 1, 1943.

100-0-12968

On the printed letterhead of "FEDERAL UNION" of Philadelphia Committee, Architects Building, 17th and Sanson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., dated May 1, 1942, the name Mrs. ALFRED DOUTY is listed under the heading Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

100-5473-435 P. 221

On October 30, 1947, [redacted] advised SAs FRED C. BIRKEY and BERNARD J. CONNELL and SAs MARTIN E. COX and RAYMOND J. BOTT that Mrs. ALFRED DOUTY, 315 Harrison Avenue, Elkins Park 17, Pa., had received mail from the PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP and was believed to be on the mailing list of that organization. b7D

100-33512-98

On March 6, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished SA WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., with Volume 1, #2, the February Edition of the World Affairs Councilor, which is published monthly by the WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA. In this edition, an article titled "New Study Groups Formed" and stated that the first meeting of the US - USSR Study Group was held on Wednesday, January 18, 1950. This article indicates that a topic "The Implications of Scientific Developments" was being studied by a group of men in various professions lead by Dr. HERBERT FUSFELD, Physicist at the Frankford Arsenal. One of the members of this group, which held its first meeting on January 24, 1950, was ALFRED P. DOUTY. b7D

W. G. SMITH, Production Manager

Because of the great number of persons named SMITH with initials "W. G." and with names beginning with the letter "W", no attempt was made to try to further identify this person in the telephone directory.

If the full name of this person is obtained through subsequent investigation, it is suggested that this name be rechecked through the office indices.

The index check on FERDINAND P. HELMER was not included in this memorandum as that check is being made in connection with a new "65" case which is being opened on that person.